



## CITY OF MIAMI BEACH MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2010 SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sustainability Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:00PM in the City Attorney's Large Conference Room.

**Members present:** Committee Chair Commissioner Jonah Wolfson, Patxi Pastor, Debra Leibowitz, Lily Furst, Luiz Rodrigues, and Gabriole Van Bryce.

**Absent:** Erin Healy and Mitch Novick.

**City Staff:** Bob Middaugh, Assistant City Manager; Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director; Fernando Vazquez, City Engineer; Lisa Botero, Environmental Manager; Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney; Elizabeth Wheaton, Environmental Specialist; Margarita Kruffy, Environmental Intern.

**Guests:** Suzanne Salichs, Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor; Tracey Gallentine, Ameresco; Doug Hill, Norseman Environmental Products; Marla Prince, Norseman Environmental Products; Lanette Sobel, Fertile Earth; Wendy Kallergis, Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association; Peggy Benua, Dream South Beach Hotel; Patricia Portocarrero.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:15 PM**

1. **APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES.** Motion to approve minutes, moved by Gabriole Van Bryce, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues.
2. **CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.** Lisa Botero presented the updated Sustainability Plan to the Committee for discussion and approval before being finalized for presentation to the City Commission. The Plan will serve as a living document and will be modified in the future to include detailed indicators and parameters for each category, especially those that reconcile the Plan with the County's sustainability goals.

**ACTION:** 1. Motion: Include zero waste strategies as a goal of the solid waste component of the Sustainability Plan. Moved by Luiz Rodrigues, seconded by Debra Leibowitz. Patxi Pastor and Gabriole Van Bryce voted yes, and Lily Furst voted no. **(Vote: 4-1)**

2. Motion: Add Emergency Response as a new Program Area in the Sustainability Plan. Moved by Gabriole Van Bryce, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. **(Vote: 5-0)**

3. Motion: Refine language of Green Building Program Area Goals to include the decrease of consumption and waste and include stronger LEED language. Moved by Luiz Rodrigues, seconded by Gabriole Van Bryce. **(Vote: 5-0)**

4. Motion: Move the Sustainability Plan with the suggestions that have been made to the Commission and have the Staff send one copy of the final version to the Committee for review prior to taking the plan to Commission. Moved by Debra Leibowitz, seconded by Lily Furst. **(Vote: 5-0)**
3. **RECYCLING ORDINANCE.** Debora Turner provided an update on the City's revision of the draft Citywide Recycling Ordinance. City Staff will be meeting with Commissioner Wolfson to discuss the draft Recycling Ordinance in the upcoming weeks.
4. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** Suzanne Salichs from the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor presented information on behalf of Maribel Balbin, Miami-Dade County Sustainability Program Manager. Ms. Salichs provided information regarding the Miami-Dade Office of Sustainability's (OOS) proposed Green Business Certification Program that will assist small businesses in becoming "greener". Mrs. Salichs requested the Committee's assistance with the organization and execution of a small workshop event on green lodging and green business development that is scheduled on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Miami Beach Convention Center.
- ACTION:** 1. Motion: Recommend that the City and Committee partner with the Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association (GMBHA) and the County to create a green business practices and green lodging educational event for the business community, as well as show support for the July 28<sup>th</sup> workshop held by the County's OOS. Moved by Gabriole Van Bryce, seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. **(Vote: 5-0)**
5. **WATER QUALITY/NATURAL RESOURCE/ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT.** Assistant City Manager, Bob Middaugh presented the City's response plan for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and provided an update on the latest developments. Luiz Rodrigues suggested that the City work with the County and other local organizations to create a volunteer corps to respond to clean up needs.
- ACTION:** Staff will be providing an update at the next Sustainability Committee Meeting.
6. **WATER QUALITY.** Commissioner Gongora requested that his item on banning leaf blowers also be deferred to the July meeting agenda.
7. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CIVIC PARTICIPATION.** Lisa Botero provided a report on the success of the City's Earth Day celebration. The Committee expressed the need to include environmental holidays and events on the City's calendar and to partner with other committees and groups in future events.
8. **Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.**

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or [pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:pbocio@miamibeachfl.gov) for more information.

  
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